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SUBJECT OF LECTURE

SUNDAY EVENING

February 4th,

AT 8:15

"Self-Sacrifice"

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February 7th,

AT 8:15

"The Path"

We asked ourselves last evening, "Do we, who live in these days of enlightenment, in a Christian country, do we really live up to the spirit of the commands of our Great Teacher."

"Judge not" says the Master and we are satisfied that we *obey* if we check all severe and harsh criticism of others.

We judge charitably, we allow our friend the benefit of the doubt, and we think that we have performed almost a work of supererogation in arriving so far.

Naturally, we say, we can not help seeing if a man is dishonest, or lying, and we must treat him accordingly; nay, we must even warn our friends against him, lest they also should be defrauded.

If indeed, we would ask, one of our brethren *is* dishonest, a thief, a liar...is he not therefore the more entitled to the sympathy, the aid and the brotherly kindness of each one of those who would tread the "*Path*."

"Who art thou O man who judgest another, to his own Master he standeth or falleth."

The *Absolute* alone can justly judge, for God alone knows the path which that soul has trodden, the difficulties with which he is grappling, and the possibilities before him.

We know, neither the Past, nor the Future; to judge from the immediate Present is insufficient, we do but uselessly tangle our Karma with that of another soul.

Not to *see* ... the faults of another.

Not to *hear*...the peevish critical, angry word.

Not to *feel*... the venomous darts of Jealousy, Spite, Malice, here is the key which will unlock for us the Hidden Treasure of the Soul.

So shall we *give peace and be at peace*.

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